REMARKS

- 1. Please cancel claims 16, 47 and 48 without prejudice.
- 2. Claims 3, 11, 39, and 40 are amended to correct typographical errors.
- 3. Claims 4-5, 7, 10, 12-14, 17-18, 20-21, 24, 26-29, 33-35, 37-38, 41, 43, and 46 are amended to change their dependency due to the cancellation of underlying claims and/or to eliminate multiple dependency in the claims.

Applicants believe no new matter has been added by these amendments and entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and early indication of allowable subject matter is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this Official Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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